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SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF AMCITS JEAN PERRY
AND KATHERINE VANDEN BOSCH

1. RECEIVED INQUIRY CONCERNING WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF
AMCITS JEAN PERRY AND KATHERINE VANDEN BOSCH. INQUIRY
CAME FROM DR. WILLIAM PRUITT (616) 383-8470 OFFICE NO.
375-9023 HOME NO. OF KALAMAZOO COLLEGE AFTER HE WAS
CONTACTED BY THE GIRLS' PARENTS WHO HAD JUST RECEIVED
LETTERS RELATING THE FOLLOWING STORY: OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK
THE GIRLS TRAVELED TO BENIN WITH A BENINESE IDENTIFIED
ONLY AS MICHEAL, WHO CLAIMED TO BE A DECEDANT OF THE ROYAL
ABOMEY LINE. THEY WENT TO THE CITY OF ABOMEY. WHERE ON
DEC. 29TH MICHEAL WAS ARRESTED. THE GIRLS REPORT THEY ARE
BEING HELD IN A HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE POLICE
STATION AS MATERIAL WITNESSES. STORY SOMEWHAT GARBLED
AS NEITHER GIRL SPEAKS FRENCH.

2. PERRY AND BOSCH ARE EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM KALAMAZOO
COLLEGE STUDYING FOR SIX MONTHS AT FOURAH BAY COLLEGE,
FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE.

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3. FOR COTONOU: REQUEST YOU TRY TO ASCERTAIN IF THE GIRLS ARE STILLBEING HELD IN ABOMEY. IF SO WHAT FOR ETC.
4. FOR FREETOWN: REQUEST YOU CHECK WITH FOURAH BAY COLLEGE, LATI HYDE HALL TO FIND OUT IF GIRLS HAVE RETURNED OR ARE MISSING. KISSINGER

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